

# The DAYTON AND XENIA NURSERIES

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## Grasses

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come popular. Some of the species named below are not hardy enough for general planting in Dayton without winter protection, but they amply repay such care. When such protection is needed it is so noted in the following descriptions. The Arundos and Bamboos are straight and erect, the Grasses are slender and graceful.

**ARUNDO Donax.** GREAT REED. This is one of the most popular of all hardy foliage plants. Although it succeeds almost everywhere in borders, beds, and on lawns, it is really at home on moist soils and near the water. It is therefore one of the best plants for striking aquatic effects. Leaves long, narrow and green, and set at regular intervals. Valuable for lawn decoration and for concealing unsightly objects.

**var. macrophylla glauca.** GIANT REED. Attains a height of 15 feet. The long, narrow leaves are glossy dark green.

**ARRHENATHERUM bulbosum folia variegata.** A pretty dwarf tufted grass, growing 6 to 8 inches high; leaves green and white.

**ERIANTHUS Ravennae.** PLUME GRASS, OF HARDY PAMPAS. Grows 9 to 12 feet high. Sends up a great lot of silvery flower plumes. Very similar to the Pampas Grass.

**EULALIA gracillima univittata.** JAPAN RUSH. A beautiful, tall, swaying grass, with narrow green leaves and a conspicuous, silvery white midrib.

**E. Japonica variegata.** The long, narrow leaves are striped with a band of white. A graceful and beautiful plant.

**var. Zebrina.** Similar to the preceding, save that stripes of yellow run across the leaves.

**GYNERIUM argenteum.** PAMPAS GRASS. This grass is not hardy enough in Dayton to offer to the general trade. *Erianthus Ravenne* is recommended as a satisfactory substitute.

**PENNISETUM Ruppellii.** A beautiful annual (not hardy) ornamental grass, growing about 2½ feet high, producing long, graceful cylindrical purplish plumes. An excellent ornamental plant for all bedding purposes, and the most appropriate we know of to use as an edging to a bed of cannas or as a border to a bed of hardy ornamental grasses.

**P. longistylum.** This new ornamental grass (not hardy) is a most valuable addition to our list of ornamental grasses. It is of great value for bordering beds of cannas and caladiums. It grows to a height of 2¼ feet, having plumes 12 inches in length. This variety is quite distinct from Ruppellii.

The above described Pennisetums are carried in our assortment to supply a demand, being among the few exceptions to our policy to carry hardy and semi-hardy plants only.

**PHALARIS aurundinacea picta.** RIBBON GRASS; GARDENER'S GARTERS. A distinct variegated variety of a common native species, having its leaves elegantly striped with white. It is a low-growing plant, spreading in character and useful for garden decoration, being very ornamental when grown in the border.

**UNIOLA latifolia.** SPIKE GRASS. One of the finest of our native grasses, growing from 3 to 4 feet high, with very ornamental flat heads in graceful, drooping panicles.

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